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Wednesday
October 8, 1952

Staff meeting.

Mr. Leigh, of the real estate firm of Boss and Phelps, came to see me today about the possible sale of the 162 acres of undeveloped property that I own adjoining His Lordship's Kindness. I gave him an option on it until November 1.

Rodman Gilbert and Rowland Smith called me from Baltimore about a Greek mining proposition [redacted] they are interested in. I could give them no information regarding it, and referred them to Norman Armour.

Mr. Taylor of TWA called on me and delivered [redacted] a book on Versailles, replacing the one [redacted] lost in March by the airline. It had been presented to me at Orly by ex-Prime Minister Marie, who was then Minister of Education.

Mr. Benjamin B. Green, sponsored by Congressman McCormick, came to see me. He is employed by Maples, the big furniture and outfitting company in London. He claims [redacted] his firm has been discriminated against by the Foreign Buildings Office in the placement of furniture contracts for our establishments abroad. I arranged for him to go down and see Lee King to discuss this, [redacted]

The Argentine Ambassador came to see Messrs. Linder, Dearborn and myself to express the apprehension of his Government over the survey being made by the Tariff Commission which might result in larger import [redacted] duties on wool. We told him we were ~~thoroughly familiar with this matter~~ and would bear the interests of his Government, as well as those of other exporters, in mind in whatever action the State ~~Department might take.~~ He left with us an eight-page note on the subject in Spanish.

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Jack Peurifoy came to see me and told me something of conditions in Greece. He is here on home leave.

Messrs. Wisner and Col. King from CIA met with Messrs. Miller, Matthews, Mann, Washington and myself to deal with a Latin American project that has been the subject of considerable study by us. It was agreed [redacted] it would not be undertaken.

We had dinner tonight with the Jessups. Dean and Alice were there, Dean in towering good form and telling amusing stories.

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